Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—These poor people were advised and persuaded by Government.

President.—Those people were persuaded.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So the educated people were not convinced that inoculation would protect them from plague.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—They were also persuaded.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were these educated people also persuaded ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Oh, yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—And they were not convinced?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know whether they were convinced or not.

Operations and deaths in the General Hospital.

230. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform: –

(a) the number of abdominal and major operations performed since Dr. Puduval went on leave to-date ;

(b) the number of deaths that have taken place in the General Hospital since Dr. Puduval went on leave either in the Surgical or in the Medical Wards ;

(c) the total number of instruments now existing in the General Hospital and the total cost of the same ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—

Period since Dr. Puduval went on leave	Total number of operations	Major	Death in		Death after operation
			Surgical Ward	Medical Ward	
(a) and (b) 12th Meenam 1103 to 13th Vrischigam 1104	535	367	40	117	23

(c) 775. The cost of these instruments is not recorded in the register and it is not possible to find it out.

Medical Officers without transfer.

231. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state who are the officers in the Medical Department of the State who are kept now for more than three years in the same locality and the special reasons, if any, for doing so ?

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